Silver City. N. Mex.
Oct 5, 75

Dr Jackson and Dr. Dickson
Dear Brethren,

I address this letter to you both thinking Dr Jackson may be away from New York and you would both like to hear about Tucson. Please forward to Dr. J. if he is absent.

I have written to persons in Tucson relative to Church matters - and have rec'd one reply - the enclosed. It is from the Sen. Ed. of ~~the~~ Tucson paper - a man of some age & good experience He has been some time in Tucson

I have given you my ideas & judgement about matters here - especially as to organization. Shall be glad to receive any advice. - Will send you any letters I may receive from Tucson - Yours in
W. W. Curtis

I asked him to publish a notice inviting correspondence with me on the part of members of Pres. or other church - and stated that the Pres. Board was desirous of sending men to places in Arizona where they were needed and would be acceptable. This will call out letters from any Presbyterians who are longing for a Pres. minister &c, if there are any such in Arizona - which is doubtful. unless some of Dr. Whites folks have arrived at their new home. —

You can see from Mr Wassons letter how things are in Tucson. There is at present no proper material in Tucson out of which to organize a Pres. or any other

Church, The denomination that first gets an *acceptable man there* will be the one that will hold the place. It must be a man who goes to stay & settles down among them. I do not think it would be wise nor best to go over there now and try to push a Pres. organization. It would not be a popular nor successful move as Wasson says. – People here seem to be extremely suspicious of any appearance of denominational selfishness and I think we would do our cause more harm than good by trying to urge an organization for the purpose of getting ahead of another denomination. The way to hold Tucson is to send a manly, healthy & talented man there - with a good wife to help him, If the congregationalists get a good preacher there first and he goes to work and builds up a church and succeeds by the grace of God in resurrecting any ex-Presbyterians from the grave of wickedness, and licentiousness in which they have been for some time buried I should feel like saying, with strong Methodist fervor - "Bless the Lord!"

In the first place I don't think there is yet any proper material for organizing a Pres. church. In the next place a man would need to stay sometime and find out whether even those who might be willing to go into a church organization are of sufficient Christian character

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I hope in a
few days to
hear from
Dr. White
as to what they
have done!
I am
some better
and a
little all
the same,

to be rec'd as Church members. - After observing here how & what those are who are willing to become members of a church - I have come to the conclusion that the time to organize a Pres. in Silver City has not yet arrived.

These places are very, very different from Kansas towns - where you find a good nucleus of two or three churches.

I don't believe in organizing unless you have at least some good & true element in the organization which will be a good spectacle for the world to gaze at.

There are two men and one lady here that wanted do; but the men are here temporarily and do not know when they may go. — Tucson is a very good place. It is mostly a Mexican town. Some 600 to 800 Americans. Among them about 6 American ladies. Rest are old & young bachelors - gamblers &c. to great extent - So I am told. Business very good. Trade with Old Mex. Arizona & Cal. Mining prospects not very flattering on a/c of great scarcity of water all over Territory. — Some emigration, which is greatly exaggerated as to numbers. Emigration is something new to them and delights them wonderfully.

You cannot find anywhere more critical audiences than here and in Tucson. A good deal of the criticism is of a hostile character, i.e. they are opposed to religion and come on purpose to find fault & make fun. — If you could secure Beecher and Talmadge for Silver City & Tucson - I would advise you to do so. Beecher - if his late unpleasantness is all true - would be most acceptable to the American men & Mexican women of New Mexico. Talmadge would have tolerable audiences in Tucson for perhaps one year. — Joking aside - its better to send good men to these places or none at all. You need a much better man in Silver City. —

If a man was well supplied with clothing &c. $1000.00 might do for the first year in Tucson - after that $1200.00

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$300. Wanted for Las Animas

West-Las Animas Col.
Oct. 6th/75.

Rev. S. Jackson
Dr Sir

You may be somewhat surprised to see a letter from me - but it seems necessary that we should have your counsel & assistance at this time.

Mr. Merrill has returned with his wife, and expected to find a house he could rent to live in - but unfortunately there is none to be found that his means will justify his renting - and board so very high he feels he ought to make

some change whereby he
can live more cheaply
& good lots can be secured
for a Presbyterian Church
& Parsonage - but it will
not be expedient to think
of building a Church
at present as we can
worship in the same one
we are now using - but
we think it would be well
to build a small house
so that whatever Presb. minister
we may have here can
have a comfortable shelter
and to try & raise funds
for that purpose now
is out of the question
as both N. & So. Methodists
are out with subscriptions
for building each a Church
but if we secured some
assistance from abroad

to the amount of
$300. we could readily
make up the ballance—
I thought perhaps you
might be able while
East to solicit something
for us—so we can make
Mr. Merrill comfortable
as it is, he feels much
discouraged—he seems
well suited for this place
& we would like him
to remain—

Trusting you will excuse
the liberty I have taken

I am very resp'y
Yours &c
Mrs. Henry Kellogg.

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Silver City. N. Mex
Oct 7, 75 —

Dear Brethren,
I enclose notice in Arizona Citizen with accompanying remarks. — It may be safely taken as the senti=ment of the community i.e. the Eds. article. I think more & more that the only way is to put a man there as soon as possible. If you want to occupy & hold Tucson. If I were to go over and try to organize and spend a month and return here — and then a Congregationalist

ministers were to come there the next week. They would take him right along if he happened to visit them. On the other hand if bro' Warren - the Congregational Secretary goes there and attempts to organize and goes away promising to send them a minister, he will accomplish nothing and our man if put in first will have his way clear. So I really think it not worth while to try to organize. Will wait however, till I am better - and till I hear from Mr. White as to what they have done -. Will send you all letters rec'd. fr. Arizona. Shall be glad to hear from you. Your bro. W.W. Curtis

~~[illegible]~~

Del Norte, Colo. Oct 8/75

Dear Bro. Jackson

Received the Organ all safe - in fine condition on last Wednesday.

We are all greatly pleased - session - Choir - public.

Our joy of possession is general.

We send you $100. in this.

We will pay the $115. within the six months easily I think.

It cost $10. for freight from Denver here.

Sabbath School numbers 113.

A lady tries next week to secure 50 young men for a class for herself.

Yours fraternally

Alex. M. Darley

Ans

Laramie-Wyo Ter
Oc-11-1875

Dear Bro Jackson -

Enclosed you will find my responce to the request of the Board as sent by circular - I hope it will answer the end designed - If it is too long for a place in the Columns of the R. M. P. I would be glad to have it and I will enlarge it for a sermon on Home Work for my people.

I have been thinking about that Greely matter and thought I would make the suggestion to let the Church go on the condition that the Congregationalists of Chiyenne let go their enterprize there and go in with us. It is hard to make Presbyterians out of thoroughly New England People unless they have been Presbyterians at

Home - The fate of Bro'
Thompson's congregation
would have been the same
under any other circumstances - It was the people and
not the relations he sustained to the Board that
gave him the "history
he lived".

I hope Milliken will go
to Pueblo if the Community
is not too dead. He's a
live man and has the
revival spirit to a goodly
measure.

Will the Board insist on
the coupling of Rawlins
to Laramie as a term of
receiving aid - If so I think
Dillon, in New York City,
could be induced to give
what Clark denies -

Farewell and May the
Lord bless your labours.

Yours in the gospel.

W. E. Hamilton.

Amherst [illegible]

Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Brother

Your favor of Sept 17th has been received. I am glad you are having a "Home Missionary" map published. I trust the map will show the missionary stations, marked with a different character in each denomination, so at Home Missionary meetings, it will be easy to point out the progress of Evangelization among the Indians, in the mining districts, and on the frontiers; also show the progress the Roman Catholics are making in the West and North West — the [illegible] work done by Messrs Whitman & Spalding and the extent of territory saved to the United States by their missionary [illegible]. It seems to me that a Descriptive document should accompany the map

I should hardly know how to do without your "Rocky Mountain Presbyterian". The information it gives of Home Missions and the interest it awakens in the Home Field, seem invaluable to the evangelization of America. As soon as I go among Presbyterians I shall take pleasure in getting subscribers for it.

I would gladly give my time, and pay my own expenses, for several months, to the work of visiting Sabbath Schools and Ladies' meetings endeavoring to awaken an interest in behalf of the ignorant and destitute women and children of our own country, had I the means; but my time is all I have at my command. My husband's salary is small; our property in the South has yielded next to nothing since the war and the means required to keep our two sons at school here in Amherst, one in College and the other preparing for college altogether make it necessary for us to economize closely. So I cannot do for the cause of missions, what I long to be able to do.

Please accept my thanks for the "Bulletin of the U.S. Geological Survey" and the information relating to "Photographs of Rocky Mountain Scenery". I shall send to Washington for the "Catalogue" from which to make my selection of Photographs.

Are the "Missionary Letters for Superintendents of Sabbath Schools" noticed in the "Home Monthly" for 30 cts published in your monthly. Presbyterian? If not please send and forward the 30 cts. [illegible] to me. [illegible] [illegible], Mrs A H Hubbard

Wife says you have an organ for sale Wh. price? quality & make? I want one for my own family use— ~~Wife talks of selling her piano which is not amounting in your~~ want one good quality style

Trinidad 13 Oct—

Dear Bro J—

I have just written a letter to the Secy reporting a quarters work— & though I have Recd no commission yet— I wish you would let me know what the feeling of the Board is— & whether I am to be sustained— I have no desire to return East— if I can be sustained in Trinidad

I have not allowed my self to "let up" on ch. work yet. I would feel more settled if I had a commission such as the field demands— I asked Rev. Wood—Allentown Pa.—to write you in case he could not supply me with a suit of clothes &c— You are organizing Home Miss Socy among the women. Can I assist by writing to any of the Socys & mission work—

Hopes Walab is better now

Your Bro

John L. Gagg

~~I send items for Mi. Pres. if you care to publish— in whole or in part—~~

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[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] Pierce's
spaces of the short [illegible] time.
I would state that Rev. Isaac [illegible]
is with us, has been with
two Sabbaths already and will
[illegible]
soon before he leaves if he leaves
at all. He would remain with
us if we can raise sufficient
salary. [illegible]
[illegible]
He is a gentleman and a
man of considerable ability.
It may be a question about our
being able to give him sufficient
[illegible]
But he is the man that we want.
Our [illegible] prospects are again
in another pleasing state.
[illegible]
definitely in about ten days [illegible]

We think Mr. Milliken had better defer his visit a couple of weeks or so. If Mr. Manfield does not stay we shall be glad [illegible]

Can we get [illegible] from the Bd. of H. Mis. for such a man as Manfield?

The people want a good sound [illegible]

We trust in the Lord that we may soon have a pastor [illegible]

Yours [illegible]
Josiah Hughes.

Pueblo, Colorado,
Oct. 14, 1875.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

I write to you on church business, and I wish you will please give the matter I write about prompt and immediate attention. It is this: The first of this month Rev. [illegible] of Cambridge City, Indiana, came to Pueblo, on trial, and so far has given general satisfaction to our members and congregation, who are anxious to secure his services. Bro. [illegible] is willing to accept our call, provided we give him a salary of $1,200 per annum. [illegible] times, using our best resources, we [illegible] economy, prudence and hard [illegible], manage to raise [illegible] [illegible] The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

not called — the Board [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] since Rev. Hamilton [illegible]
one and a half [illegible]. Bro. [illegible]
is above the average of Preachers in ability,
refinement, is well informed on all topics
and is a very social man — consequently
will be an excellent pastor. Our people
want him here and are subscribing
to the utmost limit. Will not the
Board favor us with $1000, in our
straitened circumstances!

The railroad will be here this
winter, and with it we expect prosperity
for a season or two, and our church
can be made to grow in grace and
numbers if we use proper efforts under
the leadership of an able leader.
The next 14 months [illegible] be a critical
time for our little society — for if we
[illegible] [illegible] efforts, [illegible] [illegible]
we will hold our ground as the leading
church in Pueblo and [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] here [illegible] [illegible] planted. If
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
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[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
ministers in the field.
We will probably have a church

[illegible] Friday [illegible] Oct 22, to determine what course to pursue. Will you see the members of the Home Board and see if it will give us $1000. If they will give it or if you have good reason [illegible] and reliable [illegible] telegraph [illegible] for [illegible] the words "Will give $1000," if in the [illegible]; and if in the negative, "Cannot give $1000." The answer must be definite — positive — for if we [illegible] Dr. [illegible], and the Board should [illegible] $1000, [illegible] and short [illegible] do us more injury than good.

Dr. [illegible] has several calls to other churches east and one in [illegible] border now, which have been intimated to me as being that [illegible], hence [illegible] anything must be definite.

Will you please see and

member of the Board and ascertain
what they will do, and telegraph
me the result in time for
meeting next [illegible] evening Oct. 2[illegible]

Since Bro Hamilton left we have not taken up any collection for the Home Mission and Foreign Mission Boards, but as soon as we have regular services again we will make up the deficiencies by taking collections.

We have a concert arranged and under way, the proceeds of which are to be sent ($57.35) to the [illegible] Board for a [illegible] year's [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] to us by them. Please inform them of it.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I remain

Yours in Christ,

J. C. Sat[illegible]

Ans

Salt Lake City Utah
Oct. 15th '75

Dear Bro. Jackson.

Your letter was received some days ago. Welch was married last night. Church crowded. Handsome reception by ladies of the Ch. in basement. Elegant and valuable presents – about $700.– worth. A most joyful occasion. Congregationalists – Methodists, Episcopalians, Mormons and "Non descripts" all participated in the joy of the occasion. I hoped to raise all necessary funds without going East, but so far have failed. Welch urges me to go East. I reluctantly consent to leave my field for this time – but there will not be a more favorable time. So I go. Dr, My teacher will keep up the S. S. Expect to start on Monday. I have not asked permission of the Bd. because I hoped that the apparent necessity for my going would disappear. I expect to work mostly in St Louis and the churches of Ill. They need to be aroused, and if the claims of this God-forsaken (not profane in this connexion. See 2. Chr. 24:20) country will not touch them it is hard to tell what will. Ill. is growing rich and its churches ought to carry forward their end of the whipple-tree.

If you have any word, suggestion or instruction for me write care of Irwin, St Louis till you hear again from me.

Yrs in Chr

D J McMillan

Ans

Allegheny City Penna
Oct. 16th 1875

Dr Sheldon Jackson
Dear Sir

Dr. E. E. Swift & I will rejoice to have you preach in our respective Churches November 7th. Come directly to my house 300 Ridge Street Allegheny City, next Presbyterian Theo. Sem. Come prepared to address students on Monday night.

Yours sincerely

A. A. Hodge

Arizona Terr
Tucson A. T. Oct 17th 1875

Rev W. W. Curtis
Dear Sir

Your letter of inquiry was received about a week since and I take pleasure in answering your questions to the best of knowledge. I have delayed writing until now with the hope of finding a member of your church who could give you more accurate information in regard to church and other matters here - but I have not succeeded in finding any member of your church or any other protestant church. -

inquired of some of the oldest American citizens here and of some of the principal business men. I have formed but very few acquaintances. As there are no protestant church to attend and as I have been busy at work every day during the week and remained pretty closely in my room of Sunday I have had but little opportunity of making acquaintance.—

I will answer your questions to the best of my knowledge, in the order you have asked them with but a few exceptions—

1. I am told there is supposed to be five or six hundred American citizens here and perhaps some three thousand Mexicans—

2 I have not succeeded in finding a member of any protestant church though it is probable there are some—

4 No Protestant Church organization.

6 There has been no protestant services here for several months. The last minister who preached here was Rev. Mr Reader — Methodist missionary from Neb. He has returned to that State. I learn that he had but a very poor hearing and accomplished no visible good

7 I have met with no one who seems to feel any interest in having a church come here. Of those [illegible]

happy to have come but I do not expect to remain here long.

8 The American population is increasing very slowly.

9 Emigration mostly from California.

10 There has been an agreement among the merchants to close on Sunday, but only a few of them I think adhere to it.

11 Services were held in the court house. There is now a new publick school house where services might be held

12 I do not like Tucson. I think it is not a healthy place. There has been a death here every few days since I came, mostly among the Mexicans. There does not seem to be much sickness among

the Americans. I do not
know why this is so. unless
it is caused by the Mexicans
crowding together too many
in the same house—

Water only moderately
good— warm except when
it is let stand out during
the night. There is but very
little fruit— I have seen
a few apples here once—
with that exception I have
seen no fruit except what
the Mexicans call 'Granaditas,
a fruit with a rind some
what resembling the orange.
filled with jelly like seed of
a very pleasant sweetish taste
They are brought from Sonora— I never
saw any before.

13 Horses are abundant
supply of [illegible]

gambling houses but I
think not so many in
number in proportion to
the population, as in
St Louis City but some of them
are on a larger scale

There is some good society
here — among the State officers,
government officers and
merchants and American
mechanics, but I think
there are but very few of
them religiously inclined —

I think there is certainly
a protestant minister
needed here but that he
would labor under many
discouragements I believe
to be equally true.

Very truly yr christian bro

[illegible]

To be returned to Sheldon Jackson
P.O. Box 3863. New York City. N.Y.

~~Ans~~ Synod of Pittsburgh 2

Irwin Station. Pa.
Oct 19. 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.
Dear Bro;

Have just returned home from Synod, and because the resolutions on the Board of Home Missions were not adopted until late yesterday, I had only time to copy them before returning home. I believe the inclosed paper is what you desired me to send you.

Another paper was adopted which I was unable to get a copy of, because the vote was not taken upon it until 10 oclock last night, just a few moments before the final adjournment. I am very sorry I could not obtain a copy, for I think ~~of~~ the Secretaries of the Home Board will be more interested in it than in what I now send you. If I can secure a copy, before it is put in print, I will forward it to you, It refers to the Home Mission articles published in the Record of Aug. and Oct. – The paper is a strong one and condemns the position taken by the Secretaries in the articles referred to, and was passed by an almost unanimous vote.

I hope I may soon see you again, and if I can do any thing to help you in your work I am at your service.

Yours Fraternally.
R. M. Brown,

1875

Trinidad 15 Oct-

Dear Bro. J.

I have just written to Drs. K. & D. Kendall Dickson - They grant us 800 instead of 1000 - As I told you when I first came here they got up quite an enthusiasm & really turned every stone - 800 is a heavy burden to carry in addition to hall rent &c - The Board ask them to raise 700 - I do not feel that I can be at all permanently as long located here unless I am well sustained - Perhaps you can find a man who will be satisfied with 1300 & live here -

Mrs. G & I both feel that if we are profesby appointed we can settle till something permanent is effected— Will the Board be willing to let S.S.s make up the 200— I suppose I can get over 300 from S.S.s in Penna & Ohio—

By the way you told me of how Robb got along here— He paid no rent & ~~[illegible]~~ living was much cheaper there than now — Rent is 200 & over Flour 12$ per bbl. Potatoes 2 to 3$ per bush &c—

Rev. Wood of Penna writes me he can not do any thing for us in line of Miss box.— & that he has sent you my list & letter— You can attend to it—

Have you found

any one to provide box
for my mother & sister—
They will need a large
supply. If you can find
a ch. who are able to
meet their wants—

I feel very solicitous
to see mother supplied for
this winter—

You have occasionally had persons in
N. Y. offer to send books
If any one wants to send
the Trinidad parson a few
books I can tell
him what I need just
now— I am not
begging this—

Regards to Miss J.

Bro Johns—

avs

Del Norte Colo. O

Dear Bro. Jackson-
I write to tha
for your call for boo
papers &c. Seven a
ages of papers have com
have been forwarded to
Miners. You will h
seen my call in the
terian" of Oct 9th - "The Pr
of Phila., I mean. It
Home Missions, and
good "Company of your descri
of your New Mexico trip
I have determined, if
books come to open a r
room here - and if m
than enough for here and
Mines to open also at Sa
&c. I will have a p

nished, warmed, and lighted -
made attractive with papers -
you know I understand
the business, having been Librarian
of the Y.M.C.A. in St.
Louis - and in the last 7 years
having established 2 reading
rooms - one in Prunat-at
Col. and one in Chicago at
Seminary.
I design these as oppositions
to saloons and dance houses.
A Gospel flank movement.
Harlots and gamblers have
been thick here in last few
weeks - ready to prey on the
miners.
I also hope through this effort
to win outsiders to myself
and then through their hearing of
to them having Christ. Confidentially,
my allowance from

the Minnies has been complained against — but I hope to show them though I was bodily absent — I was present in heart. The wounded hoof of my horse is growing slowly. Our organ gives great satisfaction. It enhances interest of our services. Our S.S. is up to about 130. Mrs. Van Lien whom I took from a class of girls and appointed after diligent consideration to the work has secured 25 of our gayest young men for a Bible Class. Her points were personal beauty — youth, intelligence — tact &c. People say the move was strategic.

Will it be asking too much to have you print my "call" in the "Presbyterian" in the "R. M. Presbyterian." I am diligently

at work by correspondence giv-
ing effect to the "Call". The Evan-
gelist, I see by the letter of a gen-
tleman in Boston, has made a
"Paragraph" of my call. I hope
others may publish fully. I ought
to have done as you do - written out
for each paper the "Call". I want
to make it a success. I have
~~promise~~ hope of help from Boston -
New York - Phila - & Baltimore.
Lafayette Ind. Lawrence &
a line by you to a N.Y. pastor
Topeka Kansas &c or two would do
much for me.
I am not particularly anxious
for religious books but for those of
general - secular interest.
At least for a set of books & papers
leavened religiously. You
will appreciate the situation.
I have hope of four lots in Lake City.
I sent you a check for $100. to New
York as you directed. Miss Dale
wrote her missionary boy was to start last week.
I wish I could get 100 boxes of books --
Yours &c A. W. K. Bailey

~~[illegible]~~

Auburn New York
Willowbrook, Oct 19th 1875.

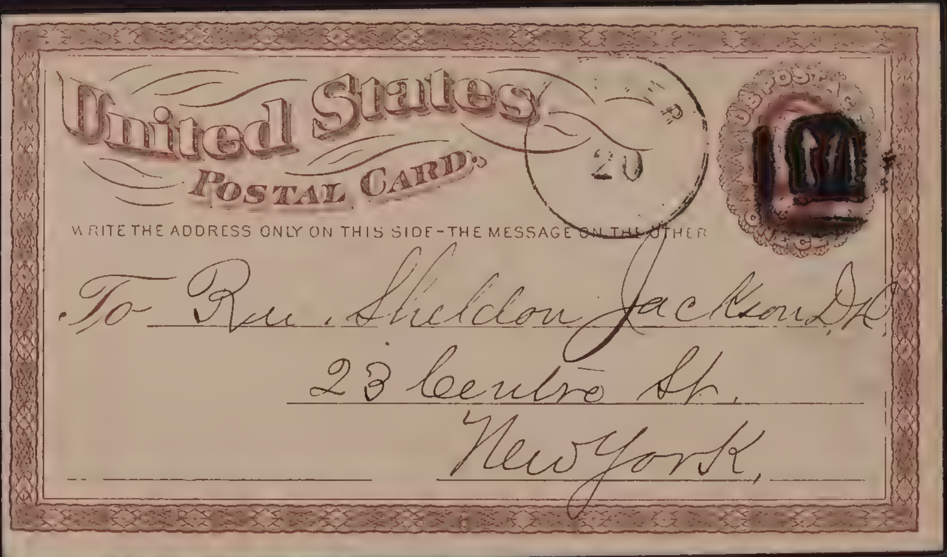
Rev. Sheldon Jackson

Dear Friend & Brother:

I rec'd your letter enclosing one from the good Missionary brother - who you thought we might engage for our contemplated Mission work at the Military Posts - as this gentleman understood the language of the Dakotah Indians I felt that he ought to be permitted to carry out the desire of his heart - and remain among the Dakotahs - That mission field - numbering from 40 - to 60 000 - as I understand him to state - I accordingly handed that good letter addressed to you - to Rev Mr Brayton and asked him to present -

If you should visit Schenectady will you please (if you should find it convenient to do so) to call on Mrs Dr Nott - who is a member of our Society - and tell her about the work to be done at our Military Posts as well as in New-Mexico? Gen Alexander has just arrived with his regiment at Ringgold Barracks Texas - Mrs Alexander is with us in very delicate health -

It is uncertain when Gen A- can come this way -



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To Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

23 Centre St.

New York.

Denver Oct. 19. '75

Dear Bro.

Pueblo asks for Commission for Rev. J. W. T. Montfort—

Milliken might have Fairplay, or Georgetown, perhaps, if on the ground, as Ralston has disappointed them—

Yrs fraty

C. H. Hawley

President.
W. M. PAXTON, D. D.

Secretaries.
H. KENDALL, D. D.
CYRUS DICKSON, D. D.

O. D. EATON,
Treasurer.

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

P. O. Box 3863. No. 23 Centre Street,

~~New York, 187~~
South Platte Valley Colorado
Oct 24th 1875

Rev Sheldon Jackson Denver Col.
Supt Home Missions for
Colorado. Utah &c &c.

My dear Sir When my wife was in Greeley about the Middle of the present Month, She was informed by members of our church, that the Rev R.G. Thompson had recently been Circulating a petition, Soliciting the names of the Members, asking your removal, using such influence in obtaining their names as he alone seems capable. I feel sure that a large majority of the Members of our Church would not lend their names to such an unjust & unchristian scheme unless prejudiced to your hurt by persistent misrepresentation, which it seems he did not scruple to use.

I address this note simply to inform you, if you have not been informed before, of what I regard as a very foul act of Rev R.G. Thompson.

My reason for writing this is, because of the bitter denunciations of you last season by Rev R.G. Thompson addressed to our Church, when but a few Sabbaths afterward, when you were

were present, the same church question being under consideration at an informal meeting after the morning ~~session~~ Service, he seemed to appear so friendly to you, & enter so heartily into your suggestions, which he had so bitterly condemned you for so recently, that I was led to believe he had treachery in his heart to use against you. His vindictive action in our church has very much divided it & almost destroyed its usefulness & unless a change comes to our help soon, I fear many of our members will go to other church societies in the place

With much respect I your
Obedient Servant
Mr. V. B Gifford
Trustee Presbyterian
Church Greeley

Our address is
Greeley.

A true copy
Attest:
O. D. Eaton

Laramie City Wyo. Ter Dec 26. 75 –

Dear Bro Jackson;

We have made out our application to the Board for aid to the amount of six hundred dollars – I have done so with great embarrassment having just learned that the Board is a hundred thousand dollars behind – Had I learned this before I made out the request for the Church, I should have felt still more embarassed; but I really do not know which way to turn but to the Board. The wages, in the Machine shops, are low – too low – and there is where our support mainly comes – The freights, which controll all our prices are higher, at this point, than anywhere else, proportionately, on the Road and our expenses are greater than they have been either at Central or at Black Hawk. We have our first installment of another probably, severe winter and we have nothing for fuel – but I will trouble you no further with "the situation". I will ask you, however to use your influence for us if needed.

Hardman showed me a correspondence between the Congregational and Presbyterian churches at Greeley – The mat-

Oct 26

ter of a union is under consideration and I think if it could be brought about with the understanding that the Congregational-ists join with our people in Cheyenne it would be a good thing - Greeley will always be more or less of a New England Town And Cheyenne has the true western spirit and that's the thing to engraft our polity upon - Besides the Congregationalists have 900$ for the support of a church, and by the arrangement we would soon have two less churches on the Board in Colorado - One of the Brethren Montforts has been called to Pueblo - He will go provided the Board will give 1000$ - a very modest request for the church tho' I do not blame him - for he will need it - Matters are still dull there. With many prayers for the prosperity of our Zion I remain

Yours in the Gospel

W E Hamilton.

P. S. These three dollars are the response of our School to the Board of Domestic Missions -

W. E. H.

Ans

Jacksonville Ill. Oct. 27.

Dear Bro. Jackson.

You will probably see from the papers the doings of our Presbytery. Bro. Welch was duly Married and installed with most enthusiastic manifestations of approval and affection on the part of the people. Sorry of your absence. Presbytery and people regretted it.

I was empowered by Pres. to recommend a man for appointment to Utah. I mail - with this - the nomination of Rev. Wm Johnston of East St Louis - a man thoroughly alive - deeply consecrated and in my judgment (humble though it be) peculiarly fitted for the field. He is thoroughly biblical - profound for a young man yet simple in his preaching. He wants to go. Please urge his immediate appointment.

The ministers of St Louis gave me the entire time of last Monday's meeting and on motion of Dr Niccolls gave me a unanimous and strong endorsement. Dr N. has invited me to present my cause from his pulpit at an early day. He is here today to install Morton over Westminster church. At Dr N's suggestion I came up with him hoping to reach the J'ville folks more effectually through him. I am encouraged to hope for $500 – from St Louis.

Yours &c

D J McMillan.

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WRITE THE ADDRESS ONLY ON THIS SIDE—THE MESSAGE ON THE OTHER

To Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.
23 Centre Street
New York New York

Del Norte Colo. Oct. 28/75—

Dear Bro.

I send you map and description of the "San Juan" — that you might get a better view of the situation here — Could show it to the Board — and could show it to those whom you may find willing to assist me in my efforts for books. I send you handbill of the first of our "Literary Sociables" — Programme is, music — song, a lecture — a lunch — a sociable time. We will try to sell a $200. worth of tickets, to begin. Yours &c.

Alex. M. Darley

Silver City N. Mex Oct 28/75

Dear Bro' Jackson,

I send you a letter from a man in Tucson who is lately from Nebraska and stopped here awhile and went on to Tucson He is a member of the Christian Church and a doctor and a very good man. I asked him several questions which you will see answered and can determine what they were by the answers given. The fact is that there is nothing to organize a church out

I in Tucson and the
only way to hold it
is to send a man
there to stay- No
letters in ans. to notice
in paper- and no word
from Dr White. Will
send you what I
receive. Was over on
the Gila last Sunday -
Audience of 13. I had
fever every other day on
the way out & while
there. Better now. Am
gaining some but can't
stand much exertion,
or hot sun. Am filling
nearly all of my appointments
however - all here
in town. -

Regards to all in 286. St -
Yours in St- W.W. Curtis

Ansd

Longmont Col.
28th Sep. 1875

Dr. Jackson.

Dear Bro.

Yours of the 25th inst has been received, & I am thankful to you for the letter to Mr Kimball of Omaha. Before sending it on, however, I thought I would drop you this note, & say, that if it is at all possible to get an order for half fare over the K. P. road, it would be much more satisfactory & agreeable to my family. They are now living near Cincinnati, & in coming from that place, it would be much more direct, & attended with far fewer changes for them to come by St. Louis & the K. P. rather than by Omaha & the U. P. road. My wife will have four children with her & have to take care of them all by herself. Under such circumstances, dreading changes, she will of course wish to have as few of them as possible. By the U. P. route

She would have three or four to make; say the C. P. Oak one — the one at St. Louis, & there I could have a friend meet her, & assist in that change.

I don't wish to seem ungrateful for that you have already done, or to burden you with any extra work, but for my wife's sake, constitutionally timid & retiring, I could not but write, & ask for a change in the route, if it was at all possible to effect it.

Bro. Titsworth will return the photograph of the church when done with it. Fortunately he has the ground plan & elevations of the same building on hands (loaned by yourself) & I think that the Committee will build after that model, only substituting brick in the place of wood.

Yours fraternally

Robt. Mc. Millan

Synod of New Jersey

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Bro.

In reply to your request for a copy of Resolutions relating to the Board of Home Missions adopted by the Synod of New Jersey at its late meeting I have to say that no Resolutions of that Character were introduced and of course none were adopted. A Paper from one of the Presbyteries relating to an article in the August number of the Monthly Record went to the Committee on Bills and Overtures. That committee reported a Censure of the article as at variance with, the principles upon which the Benevolent work of the Church should be conducted

The Report of the Committee was accepted and placed upon the Docket. Near Midnight of the Closing session of the Synod the matter was again called up but was then laid upon the Table

Yours Sincerely

J. B. Davis

Hightstown N.J.
Nov. 4th 1875

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Pueblo, Colorado
Dec. 2, 1870.

Dear Bro. Jackson;

Will you please attend the meeting of the Board next Tuesday and get them to allow us $100 for Rev. [illegible]. __He must have that money!__ If we do not get it our church will again be left vacant. He is well thought of by all the people generally, and doing so much good here. I have written a letter to the Board in regard to this matter, and hope your influence will be present to urge its allowance.

Heartily, Your friend in Christ,
John [illegible]

Ans'd

Denver - Colorado T -
Nov. 3d 1875 -

Rev. Dr. Jackson -
My Dear Brother -

Inclosed I send you some communications which passed between the Cong. & Presbt. churches of Greeley - Col - No steps have been taken to bring about any union - At the recent Cong. Conference here - Rev Mr. Packard of Greeley was here - & preached for me last Sabbath morning - In conversation with him I suggested that the Congregationalists at Greeley unite with the Presbyterians & that the Presbts at Longmont unite with the Congregationalists That would return to the uniting church its own house of worship -

In that Case – I think that Packard would take charge of of the United Church – if desired. But it appears to be the general impression that "Father Thompson is the Chief Obstacle in the way there at Greeley. His reply – you will notice – is very evasive.

At last the "Central Church" (of Supreme Selfishness) of Denver have broken ground – & are digging a Cellar under the whole building. One of their Trustees – (John R Knox) says they have now got an "Elephant" on their hands & Dr. Lord is held chiefly responsible for this – & has been pushing them on with the threat that he would not stay unless they went on & built – & yet his own little House is not full – but still has "room enough" to spread".

For a man of his years — I confess that he is the strongest man I ever saw. No doubt they took encouragement from the action of the last meeting of Presbytery at Golden. Again & again have I heard their "deliverance" on this subject — spoken of — "as timid and cowardly" — & I am free to confess that it did not elevate the character or authority of Presbyterianism — very much in my opinion.

Of my own church affairs — I am happy to say that things are moving on favorably. Several new families have come in — & several will unite with our church next Sabbath. We have just received between 30 & 40 new books for our Sab. School from the Presbt. Book House in St. Louis — paid for — in part by our Scholars

We are looking for a good work of Grace here this winter. I have just sent for a copy of the new Hymn & Tune book - prepared for the Meetings of Moody & Sankey in Brooklyn. It may be just the one for us here. There has more than usual interest manifested in our Prayer Meetings of late. Pray for us - a good deal - dear Brother.

I shall write to Drs Kendall & Dickson soon.

My family are all now quite well & wish to be kindly remembered to your family.

I should be happy to hear from you. As ever

Very truly yours

T. E. Bliss -

Trinidad, Colo 3d Nov. 75

Dear Prof-

You will remember perhaps my receiving a letter while at your house stating ~~that~~ a *suit* of clothes was forthcoming from an Eastern church -

The "box" and suit are received - The *suit* proves to be a *single summer coat*! And the outfit for *Mrs.* G. is about as complete as mine - The contents of the box are *good* & well made clothing - but just what we have no use for & did not send for - I presume its value wld be about 30.$ But it is not worth to me its freight (over 5$) wh. was not paid

They seem to think that a ministers wife ~~variable~~ is a variable quantity - e.g. one dress newly made - just fits my wife - another also newly made would fit Bro. Henrys wife - And the dress which fits is one she dont need - while the one she cant wear is what she wants now - Willie's are the same way - Some things he could have worn a year ago - and some

things we can wear a year
hence. But scarcely
any thing in the box
that we can make use
of now — I am
out of pocket the amount
of freight charges $5.— so
far as supplying imme-
diate necessities is con=
cerned — I just when still afford it. Have you
given my name to
any church for a box —
Please let me know
as I wish to make some
changes in the list you have —
What have you
done in reference to
a "box" for mother?
I will need for my
self not only a black
Sunday suit ~~for myself~~
but an every day suit
since that Pa Ch. played

off on me - Ch. matters are encouraging

The South'n Meth. have resumed service - and a Baptist minister is trying to organize

Rickards is doing first rate in the M. E. Ch. North

Bro. Henry is quite unsettled I think - trouble non payment of salary

Times are hard all over the country -

My mother has been very low - is better -

Wife joins in kind regards to Mrs. J & yourself

Bro John L Gage

ans

Salt Lake -- Utah
Nov. 4th 1875.

Dear Bro. Jackson.

Your favor came to hand last night: Glad to hear that you are having such a pleasant time in visiting the Synods. I hope the Spirit may use you in stirring up a grand revival on Home Missions.

The Nov. Number of the Rocky Mt. Pres. came last mail; it is full of good things.

I send you abstract of Pres: proceedings.

The work goes along smoothly and encouragingly. If our debt was paid we would be a happy church.

We are organizing a Y.M.C.A.

in the City —

I am now a Householder –
Wife and I are living with Bro.
Mrs L. Green, and we having taken charge of the house.
Come and See us. We are very Grateful for Your kind wishes.

We Join in Kind wishes to You and Mrs Jackson.

Your Bro in Xn bonds
Josiah Welch

Longmont, Colorado
November 6th 1875

Dear Bro. Jackson;

Our church at Longmont is under contract for $2550. apart from seats & pulpit; & is to be finished by the first of next June. The contractor has commenced, & will soon have the foundation in, expecting to push the superstructure on to the enclosing of the building this fall, providing the weather be favorable.

We have complied with your proposition as regards location, the lots costing us just $100. your proposed additional subscription. We have fixed the limitation of time for the payment of those lots to February first, supposing that you would then be ready to meet your engagement.

We are moving also for a church at Nederland; one man heading the subscription with one hundred dollars. Others followed with fifty. In an hour the other morning, I secured subscriptions to the amount of three hundred & twenty five dollars. The whole town have entered into the spirit of it & are rejoiced. Will you be able to encourage them any in this good movement? With all their liberality, it will require a vigorous effort. And now it should not be a failure. Glory be to God that He is moving the people in these places in my field. Oh that he continue to smile upon us, & work among us by his Holy Spirit promised, until the hearts of all be renovated, drawn to Him, & Satan's Kingdom utterly demolished, fallen!

Cannot speak so favorably of Caribou simply on account of the Scotts. I have not a grain of faith in their christianity. William, though an Elder, has deceived me, spoken contemptuously of you, abused me most shamefully, lied to me repeatedly & wilfully. They are stumbling blocks in the way, over which sinners are stumbling into hell. And the sooner they are removed out of the way, the better for our church in Caribou. The Saviour does not need in his service liars & hypocrits. All such persons should be just where they naturally belong.

And then for us to lose out of our salary in one year, & what a hard one, three hundred dollars by their vilany! It is too bad! It is like blood-letting in a missionary's life. It is a large part of his living! And oh to what sad privations it is submitting us! Indeed, humiliations! Why did they so deceive me! I regard it equal in criminality to a wilful robbery! Aye, worse. Had they come to my house, I could have acted on the defensive; but this is a species of robbery in which I must suffer & have no chance for defence.

There ought to be at once a man for this field—to spend all his time there. Only think of it! Here I am with all this trouble & two church buildings upon me! And at once there ought to be a movement on foot for a church building in Caribou - the Scott Bros notwithstanding to the contrary. And to hasten the work they ought to be hastened quickly out of the way.

And then there is Valmont! It is near to Longmont, & is just the field for me to work up into a condition of health & spirituality. Have spent one Sabbath there, & am to spend next Sabbath. The great trouble is there never has been any pastoral work done at Valmont! This done all is healed!

God bless you, my dear Bro. & control us all for his own glory.

Fraternally &c

W. P. Titsworth

Would be willing that this should be published just as it is in any of our church journals.

30 West Eighteenth St.

Nov. 6th, Saturday.

My dear Dr. Jackson

Through Mrs. Lewis of West Chester I learn that you are in New York.

I want very much to make your acquaintance, since we have already had some correspondence, and hope you can find leisure to come in & take dinner with us.

If you have no
other engagement on
Tuesday next can you
not dine with us, at
six o'clock? If not
Tuesday, Wednesday.
Please let me know
when I may expect
you. —

I wish to see you,
if you find time, be-
fore Thursday of
the coming week, be-
cause I think you will
be able to give me
some particulars about
Rev. Mr. Bliss's family,

which would interest
the ladies of our Society
when they again meet
on Thursday.

Yours with great
respect —
N. McF. Lewis

Address
Mrs. C. T. Lewis
30, West 18th, Y.

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Denver Colo Nov. 8. 75

Dear Bro. Jackson,

Rev. Allen J. Buell of Litchfield Minn. was named to me one Sab. recently by a stranger in my congregation, recently from Litchfield, as one who was ready to come to Colorado to work in the ministry. Do you know him and is it best to open correspondence with him. I have learned of no changes in our Presby since I wrote you last, nor heard directly from any of our men, save Keilsworth, who called on me, who is exceedingly anxious to have somebody sent to the Mountain park of his diocese, being ready then to connect Valmont, at present unsupplied, with Longmont.

In the recent meeting of the Cong. Ass. here there was a little talk about comity, in which Dr. Lord & myself were invited to share, but it didn't amount to much, save the interchange of a few windy courtesies. Haskell was so sweet however that Sturtevant rather soured upon the matter, and we the corresponding members were a trifle cautious.

Scarcely a sign of improvement in my own church yet. The

Trustees manage badly by incurring a new debt for a new organ, which nobody can play well, just when they are too poor to pay their minister. Nothing seems to move smoothly that is undertaken, and much that should be undertaken lies neglected. Dove & Reigart my new helpers, I am leaving Corwin; some of the older ones have wearied of their helping and hang upon us as dead weights.

Will the Lord come and work among us? I seem unable to accomplish anything. I never before felt so hedged in, never before found my efforts so checkmated at every turn.

The Com. in Interior on Col. Presb. does you much injustice. I am sure that Thompson & his sympathizers in the Central Ch. cannot do anything touching your relations to this Synod, that should have the slightest influence with the Board. There surely is great need of a man in your office on this field, and you can do vastly better in it than any new man, who could not in years gain your vantage ground for work. Thompson's malice & meanness blossomed out in Presby. as I never saw these traits blossom out before in any Eccl. body. Don't be disturbed —

Yours fraternally
C. H. Hawley

ans

Rocky

Utah
Salt Lake City.
Nov. 27th 1875.

Dear Bro. Jackson

I have been trying to redeem time to write you, for some days past.

I am well and our work goes along smoothly. I am getting adjusted to the new order of the domestic arrangements, and am persuaded that—unlike the wine of the Orient—the _new_ is better than the old.

But what I want to write you about is our latest arrival Rev. G. R. Bird; he and his wife landed here on last Saturday, and went to Bingham on Yesterday A.M.

I like his appearance pretty

well. I think he has good Sound Sense, and he Seems to be a pious devoted Xn. I am afraid his fault is want of Energy and Executive ability. I am a little fearful that he lacks the Snap necessary to Success in a mining Camp, and yet I may be mistaken in my Estimate. He has a nice wife, a real lady, who will help him greatly in his work, if She has Strength; She is Somewhat delicate, and he is not overly rugged.

But the worst feature in the Case is that he has landed here out of money. He told me while here that his Exchequer was pretty low, but as Soon as he landed in Bingham, he Sat down and wrote me that he is about to the last dollar. He is stopping temporarily with Mr. Ells. But Mr. E. has neither the accommodation in his little house, nor the ability to keep them. Bird thinks he had better furnish a little house, and take care of himself rather than board, But he can't do that short of $150 or 200, I could get the money for him by coming individually responsible, but I don't wish to do that. I find I have all on my hands that I can carry at the present.

Now do you know of some individual or Society, who will lend a helping hand. He is here and we must not let him suffer now. It will do the Cause a great injury in Bingham, to say nothing of the mortification and inconvenience to Mr & Mrs Bird. Let me hear from you by return mail. If you Say you Can help out, I will get the necessary funds for him, temporarily. I have just written to him to make Some temporary arrangement for a Couple of weeks, until I See what Can be done. I haven't told him that I am writing you. I am going to write Dickson & Kendall and See if there is any hope of a Small donation on his travelling Expenses. I wrote Bird to Settle the Question whether he ready to Settle in Brigham before he fixes for house-keeping.

I am looking for McMillen. Reports from his School, in chge of Miss Snow are good. They think Everything of Mc. down in San-Pete. My wife joins me in kind regards to Mrs. Jackson and yourself. Your Bro. Jos Welch

ans

Peoria Ill. Nov. 8th 75

Dear Bro. Jackson;

Your letter care of Mr. Irwin was forwarded and received. Thanks for your kind offer of aid — and I will accept it this year if you please — Will you see if anything can be done by the Church Erection Board? The officers of that Board implore the pastors to exclude all pleas for special objects from their pulpits and congregations — and the churches say that the Board should meet the demands of such a field as mine since they contribute to its funds for such purposes. Money — for this reason — comes in slow. [illegible] foreign to that Board - surely no provision has been made for it unless it come under the work of the Foreign Board.

I confess I have seriously considered the question whether or not it appropriately belongs to that. The people are for the most part foreign, -their religion is as foreign to Christianity as paganism - their allegiance is as much alienated from our govt as that of the Hindoos and the necessity of providing a place of worship and instruction as great as if I were in India.

If the Bd of Ch. Erection will supplement the amount I raise in Chicago and St Louis (provided it fall short of the amt required) I will give them a

perfect title to the property.
I leave for Chicago
tonight &c. If you reply
this week address care
Brevoort House Chicago.
If afterward address me
at Carlinville Ill.

I addressed Dr
Edwards' congregation last
night. The result I have no
means of knowing until after
the meeting of the session
tonight. Their hands feet and
purses are all bound up with
red tape. The session will
appropriate something - but
I am prohibited from canvassing
the congregation,

Yrs &c

J. McMillan

Ans

Evanston Wyoming T.
Nov. 8. 1875

My Dear Bro Jackson

I have only time to write you just a word.

God, by his Holy Spirit is in our midst — no great revival — but in a still small voice yesterday, *nine* united with our

little church.
Mr Blyth came
as a little child
It was truly a
season most
precious. The M.E.
are hard at work
and trying to draw
from our congregation! they have a
"wordy" man
Skews of P*ueblo*; he
gave Scientific

lectures Sabbath evenings; pray
for us, that we may keep
humble and be faithful
I am in great haste

Yours in Xt F.L. Andrews

Can you do something for
our Sabbath School - we have
between 60 - 75 Scholars

and have no
books, papers, etc
you know the
church building
is all run down.
It will cost us
$400, to get in
repairs. the ladies
are hard at work,

Yours
J. L. A.,

[illegible]

West Las Animas, Colorado
Nov. 10. 1875

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Brother. A word about West Las Animas will not be amiss, even if it should contain a request for help. Help for those who are trying to do something for themselves is more easily obtained.

You mention in the Rocky Mountain Presbyterian that we need a parsonage. Well we are going to have one.

I am circulating a subscription paper here for it, with tolerable success,— and will begin the work in a few days, hoping that

buffalo robe, as I anticipate that the appropriation will be slow in coming on account of the heavy debt of the Board.

Wife joins me in kind regards to yourself and your family; I inclose one of her photos. Will perhaps have one of my own the next time I write.

Your brother in Christ, praying that the blessing of the Lord may rest upon you in your good work.
J. L. Merritt.

the Lord may put it into the hearts of some friends of missions to speedily suppliment what we are able to do, so that we may have a shelter without paying $20. or $25. dollars per month for it. A little more than $300. will build us a house with two good rooms, with which we will be satisfied till we can add to it.

The ladies have organized a mite society, and propose holding a fair towards spring for the benefit of the Presbyterian church, which may be used on the parsonage if needed. but we can't wait for the results before making a beginning.

The M. E. Ch north have a church building underway but the work progresses slowly for want of funds.

Our congregations are improving, though we have no indications of special interest.

You know the character of our town. Perhaps three fourths of the people never come inside of the church to hear a sermon. How to reach these people has been a question about which I have thought and prayed much.

A week ago last Sabbath I obtained permission, and preached in the largest dance hall and gambling saloon in town, to a respectful and attentive congregation of upwards of 100 of these men who never go to church. Wife and two other ladies went with me to sing.

The church going community regarded the procedure as of doubtful propriety, and expressed surprise that we were not grossly insulted. I believe that this is the only possible way of reaching these people who have given themselves up to wickedness. I expect to continue this kind of worke as opportunity affords, though it is not countenanced by many who ought to lend their moral support. Brother pray that my labors may not be in vain in attempting, in the name of the Lord, to win these men to Christ.

I have not yet received my commission. We are living on borrowed money at 2 per cent a month in advance. Wife is teaching a class in vocal music, to help along a little. This morning I sold my

ticipate that the appropriation

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J. L. Merritt.

Ans

Del Norte, Colo. Nov. 10 '75

Dear Bro. Jackson

I enclose you a "Money Order" for $30.— the first payment on organ from our first lecture &c. We have sold about $75. worth of tickets but expenses were high to begin - and had certain purchases to make for the organ and choirs, taking the rest. Hope to be able to send you $25. or more a month till all paid up. Our first "Literary Sociable" including songs - a lecture - a lunch - and a sociable hour was a grand success. Room crowded &c. Everything went off pleasantly. Just sent off $50. for S.S. Library - money gathered by children. Yours &c.

Alex. M. Darley

Boulder Nov 12th /75

Brother Jackson

Your favor of [illegible] inst is rec'd enclosing a letter to you from Bro Reed. The letter is about as satisfactory as [illegible] could [illegible] about the money, [illegible] little [illegible]. After the conversation I had with you in Golden and upon the assurance that that gave me of this $500.00 coming at once, I made an arrangement to put the balance of the [illegible] on a loan [illegible] this money come on as anticipated, [illegible] this time the church would have been [illegible]. As the time [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] me the $100.00 wrote nothing about the church to which I wrote with reply that nothing was being done, & that money too has gone in another direction though I have no doubt I can get it again if the work goes on. How many of the other subscriptions will be withdrawn in consequence of this delay I cannot tell, [illegible] one. If this money [illegible] is sent on to me & some [illegible] for a reasonable time [illegible] what can be done, I will [illegible] it according to any instructions that may be given & do the [illegible] to accomplish the desired re[illegible] trust to succeed but I shall [illegible] take [illegible] further move till the [illegible] is actually in my hand.

I enclose you Mrs Bond's letter as [illegible] ted, & hope that [illegible] yet have [illegible] one ready for use before [illegible]

N.Y.
Cazenovia
Nov 13.

Mr Jackson dear
Sir your letter
is received. It
will give us the
greatest pleasure
to have you address
our Society. I hope
you will be our
guest at that
time! Please let
me know a day

must have been
one better than
the first although
all might have
been 'poor.' A
lady in 'New
York' asked this
question.

You have a
good reason no
doubt — The hymns
are only second
rate I think —

or two before you come
that we may give notice
to the ladies out of
town - Why did not they
decide on the "poem" as
well as the "hymn" that
was not quite right, then

I think you can do a
great *deal* of good by
speaking to our Society
So hoping soon to see
you. I am sincerely
in the Lord.

Mrs. F. W. Ten Eyck
Pres of Society —

[illegible] Bd or Yeilswolte.

Indianapolis Jan 18. 1875

Rev. Sheldon Jackson.

Dear Sir:

I am a member of a Bible class [illegible] in the Sabbath School of the 1st Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis. The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to give the money direct to some missionary or his family [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible], would
give us the name of some
one to whom a little help
in money or clothing would
be greatly prized. There
are seamstresses and are in
distress. Can you answer
soon? giving us the informa-
tion we desire - I would
not think of thus troubling
you if we did not hope
it was the Master's work -

Very truly yrs.
Mrs M. A. E. Woollen
140 College Ave.

Albany Nov. 15th 1875
No. 3 Elk St.

My dear Doctor

I have been very remiss in writing to you, partly because I have been very busy and partly because I have been

in which my husband
joins. I am
yours very truly
A. R. Townsend.

hoping to have something encouraging to write. Our meeting was held in October, and was pretty well attended. It was decided not to send a box this fall, but to endeavor to get up some sort of an entertainment for the benefit of the Mission to Laguna. The matter was put into the hands of a Committee to see what could be done, but they have not yet made any formal Report. From what I hear, I judge they are rather discouraged, for as I told you before, there are several entertainments now coming off for several City charities, and our ladies are all discouraged about undertaking another one. I am afraid we shall not be able to give more than the $500 towards the salary. Mr Menaul has sent me the plans of his new house, and

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Canon Colo.

Dear Bro Jackson

Yours of Feb. 15, '75 rec-ived last day. I have been down here about 1½ week, and I really do not know what the church is going to do so can write nothing of it. I gave them my resignation when I came down here, and they have not yet taken any action on it. Bro. Bliss, who preached for me last Sab. says the ch. do not want to accept and are seeing what they can do for back salary, and for future support. I told them before I resigned [illegible] they would raise 100.00 of the back salary, and guarantee $1200.00 instead of 1400.00 for the ensuing year I would stay. Several weeks passed by and they did not say what they would do, and I could not live on uncertainties, and have the matter run on as before without anything being done, so I sent in my resignation.

It is not mainly on account of salary that I resigned. I told Mr. Van Orman I would not remain with the ch. and preach to empty pews for $5,000.00 a year! The ch. do not give me their moral support.

But Sills has given up [illegible]
[illegible] Sutherland, and taken [illegible]
[illegible] Stewart has given one third
his time to Blacksmith.
Georgetown is vacant still, and
Greeley ought to be, if it ever
does anything.
Dr. Thacker – without knowing
I had resigned – suggested, as
you do, an exchange with
Anderson. Perhaps I have
been spoiled, but really
there is not a vacant field
in the Fir, that I like.
I will write you a-
gain next week, when
I know at least what
the [illegible] ch. will [illegible]
itself to do. I am un-
willing to [illegible] things any
longer as they [illegible]
[illegible] on the [illegible] [illegible],

[illegible] we stay at Boulder I
shall be needed as long as
[illegible] through the winter
[illegible] should [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] our salary would [illegible]
be less with increased
expenses. If the ch-
urch is sending a box wants any
list of things needed
Bell and I would make
one out.

If Anderson should leave
Boulder now I would
consider a call from this
church. If I should
spend the winter in Boulder
I would not consider

[illegible] much love from your [illegible]
[illegible]

OFFICE OF

WASHINGTON ORE MILL COMPANY,

W. BEMENT.
~~MANAGER~~

GEORGETOWN, COL., Nov 16th 1876.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson
P.O. Box 3863. NY. Dr Sir

Yours of Nov 6. reached me in due season - We had just written the Rev. James Robertson of Elbridge N.Y. and are waiting for a reply from him - I had heard of Mr Milliken - and also that he he hesitated to come without a definite invitation, neither did he say he would come to Georgetown - We have several on our list, and hope to get one before long - indeed we must have one or our congregation will get scattered and lost to us - Should not Mr Robertson communicate with us in a few days - we will open correspondence with some other one. Do you Know of the Rev John Laird. of Patterson N.J.? he is recommended to us If you Know any thing of him or can learn - please write me -

Yours Truly
W. Bement

THE CHIEFTAIN.

DAILY & WEEKLY.

LAMBERT & Co., Proprietors.

Pueblo, Colorado, Nov 20, 1875.

Rev. Sheldon Jackson,
Dear Friend:

Your communication, informing me of the action of the Board, has been received. We (the church) are sorry the Board has not done more for us.

Acting on your advice, another application has been written and signed, which will be sent to Rev. Hawley, Chairman of the Presbytery Committee, on Monday, and will ask of them prompt action and application to the Parent Board.

Please write immediately and let me know how soon, and at what time, the Board can and will act on the renewed application. Also what the

Board meant by only allowing for six months instead of the year asked for. Do they intend to give same amount for the next six months, or more, or less, or anything? We don't quite understand how to apply it in our calculations on the Pastor's salary. Please explain it if you can. Where they give for six months, is it necessary for us to apply again for the following six months of the year?

We want the Board to help us this year — it will not be necessary hereafter for so much help — for if we do our part with Bro. Comfort this year we will be stronger than ever.

Will write again in a few days.

Your sincere friend,

J. C. Latshaw.

Dear Bro. Jackson:

Yours of the 15th inst just received. Very glad to hear from you & have the words of encouragement.

Of course your subscription will be included in the Mortgage deed which will be given to our Ch. Er. Board. Am glad you say you will be able to meet the latter subscription Feb. 1st. We have had some little trouble securing a deed for those lots. But all is righted now. The Trustees had to give their note on interest from Feb. 1st at one per cent.

My sense of christian honor was very much offended at the conduct of the Scotts, but it is all overpast now. It is just simply my loss through their deceit. Have now said all I ever intend to say.

Am very glad the guilt rests upon their souls, not mine. Believe also that the Lord will make up for all losses sustained in his service. This is my greatest joy. You are right as to a Presbyterial committee. It ought to be send. Such wickedness should not be winked at by a church court.

Spent last Sabbath at Valmont. Had a large audience, notwithstanding the storm. The house was nearly filled. Friday & Saturday previous I visited all the church members, having a word of prayer in each family. Snowed nearly all of each day. But the Lord prepared the way & wonderfully aided. In one family after prayer, a young man was all broken down. "Are you a christian my dear boy"? I inquired. "No," said he, "but I ought to be". He wept freely; so did his father & mother who had become remiss.

In these visits I found eight persons who are now ready to unite with the church. There may be many more whom the Lord is preparing to be gathered into his fold.

The fact is, my dear brother, the church at Valmont has been very much neglected. Not any pastoral work done in four years! "You are the first Presbyterian minister that has been in our family since we came into the country & we have been here four years", said one lady. "I do like to see my minister occasionally, & have him pray in my family", said a gentleman.

But, my dear Brother, what am I to do with all this work upon me? Only think of it? Two church buildings on hand & thirty four miles between them, & four congregations? Am I equal to such work? O I wish there was more work in Bro. Anderson. He could just as well as not supply Valmont if only the work were in him. But the fact is he neglects the pastoral work in Boulder. Oh what need of earnest workers!

Mrs. Teitsworth has just organized a Ladies Missionary Society at Longmont. Already there are thirteen members. Hope it will grow into a power for God's glory. He can certainly use it to this end.

Glad am I to know that you are thinking of us. Have never in my life been in more straitened circumstances. But the Lord seems to smile. Had not a dime a few days ago, but just then a letter came from Mrs. Stites of Wyoming, Penna. containing eleven dollars. "There", said I, "is an answer to my prayer. Blessed be God." We left a few articles at Clark City, Mo. to be sold. And from this source we received five dollars. So we have now sixteen dollars to live on. Quite a little sum.

We are all well. Wife & children unite in love to you.

Fraternally &c
W. P. Teitsworth

Longmont, Colorado
Nov. 20th 1875

Would not the Bd. *now* commission a man for Nederland, Caribou, Goldhill & Sunshine? Too much work for me.

Denver Nov. 22nd 1875

Dear Bro. Jackson.

Feilsworth has dropped Caribou & Nederland and taken up Valmont — this on his own responsibility. I think his action worthy of approval, since Valmont is of some importance and much nearer his base of operations. Now what can we do for the Mts.? Dont hear more of Hegeman. Nobody yet for Fairplay — Stewart of Evans has been disabled by sickness, but now better. He speaks again for a man at Ft Collins. James Robertson of Elbridge N.Y. whom I named to the Georgetown people writes them of his decision to go to California and they have now written to Rev. John Laird of Patterson Pa. H. B. Gage seems to be rather unsettled at Central – Stewart of Golden has just called – has improved congregation at Golden – large ones at Blk Hawk & thinks the plan works well

Rev. Robt. MacMillan has gone to Evans to reside. 17th St finances running low, and things dragging generally. Shall be glad to get of the Board balance of last qr's allowance ending with Sept — suppose the treas'y is greatly overdrawn —

I enclose 50 cents sub'n of Rev. S. B. Reid of Evans. Col for your paper, which please send to him —

We have had some damp, chilly weather & some snow, but it is now clear & fine —

Yrs truly, C. W. Hawley

Silver City
N. Mex.

1008. 26th St. Washington
D. C.

Mar 22. 75

My dear Bro' Jackson.

My brother failed to get a pass from Kuim because of stricter regulations since Jan 1.

I at once wrote to Kuim enclosing your letter asking for half-fare permit, and asked him to make it good for Las Animas or Denver.

He makes it good for Denver only. The fare to Las Animas from K. City is $35.00 and to Pueblo $49.00.- making it $39.00 to Denver I believe. At half-fare rates it will cost $2.00 more to Denver than to Las Animas - Perhaps you could get me special rates on Denver & Rio Grande Road. I have a mind to shoulder the additional cost and come around via Denver & Pueblo. -- What is your advice on this point? I would like much to see Denver & - and could meet you at Denver - wh. would be more convenient to you than at Los Animas or Trinidad. Would like much to see you. -

My coming this way has been providential as regards saving fare. ~~Have~~ Through a friend in the P. O. Dept. I have obtained a pass from Mr. Barlow - of Barlow & Sanderson - good from Los Animas or Pueblo to Santa Fe. He gives me also a recommendation to his friend Col. Bennett of Mesilla. N. Mex. for a pass from S. Fe to Mesilla - He thinks his agt. at S. Fe will give me the pass - or I can wait a few days to hear from Col Bennett. —

I have a pass from Mesilla to Sil. City. — So the Board will be saved the entire stage fare if all works well. —

I will never have a chance to see Denver so cheaply & easily - and the Country south. — Seems to me I had better come that way.

I am much better and expect to start two weeks from today or sooner. & will get through Kans. as raining Life & RRy. Int. Presb. not yet founded Some Churches. Hope to receive all them. —

soon as possible - Please send me a line here and to Lyndon, Osage Co Kans. If I leave here before I hear from you - I will hear at Lyndon.

I am anxious to be on the way but must wait a few days yet. - I feel much encouraged and have a good appreciation of my new field. Have met several New Mexicans here and gathered some useful information. - I wrote to Supt. of Salt. City S. School - paving the way before me a little. - I have several letters of introduction from Hon. Mr. Elkins of Santa Fe & others.

I have friends in Pueblo I would like to see - Hoping to hear from you & to see you - Yours fraternally

W. M. Curtis

SAM. P. DALE,

ATTORNEY AT LAW AND SOLICITOR IN CHANCERY,

CANON CITY, FREMONT CO., COLORADO, Nov. 23, 1875.

Rev C. W. Hawley, Denver Col.

Dear Sir;- Our minister, Rev. Geo. N. Smith, has informed me that he will to-day write you with reference to our church needs, and certain help: whereupon I am moved to say to you, this:

We have gotten rid of the "mechanic's liens" which threatened to deprive us of our meeting-house, and have succeeded in providing for all existing indebtedness except two hundred and fifty dollars, ($250.00), in round numbers (though I think it is a few dollars more - we will take care of the "more") which sum we *need*, and *need* *now* - it is due to men who are poorly fixed to wait, and *need it* - we are suffering, as a church, in the community, as being a society *able to incur* but *unable to pay just debts*. — Let it be said thus - let it even be urged that our meeting-house should not have been undertaken when it was, still I feel that it will yet appear that the builders builded better than they knew, if we only can get into shape to meet our liabilities. A loan at reasonable interest, for not less than a year would, I think, tide us over this shoal. Can you help us - *rather*, can you as moderator of the H. M. Com. &c, *find* us help?

For Mrs. Dale and myself I thank you for your share in sending "our minister" to us. He is fast putting things into working trim, and does good pastoral work in visiting, and withal gives us sermons which thus far are, each, an improvement upon the preceding - as sound in doctrine as, and more within the popular appreciation than, those of Mr. Van Der Veen. — But one thing is urged against him, to-wit: He is *too lively*, *and jokes*! Certain ones thus say "*he'll* never convert any body!" — now, as *I* don't believe that the *minister* *does* *the converting*; and, as Mr. S. neglects no duty, and does not abate one jot of earnestness for The Work by reason of his sprightliness, and jokes, I feel like saying, and do say, - if we only all had more of joy, good cheer and sprightliness, with corresponding zeal, in our religious lives, Canon would not be so very long in owning the Kingship of Our Lord! — Wife and I, and also many others are thankful for his coming; and, we feel blessed in his being present - the number of members has already increased, and we hear of more who are coming in with us - some of whom have kept aloof a long time, with *letters in their pockets*, and some of whom will be of value financially. The impression made by the young man is most favorable; and, the out-look is favorable. —

With best wishes and kindest regards for yourself and family, from myself and family, I am, Yours Truly. Sam. P. Dale.

Denver Dec 9. 1895

Dear Bro. Jackson. Read the within about the need of the Cañon church. Our H.M. Com. have considered it, and endorse it as a needy - worthy cause. We have tried to find the money here - We commend it to your attention, in hope that you may find some friend East to come to the rescue — C. W. Hawley. Chr. H.M.Com

Rocky —

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Georgetown, Colo Nov. 24th 1875

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir

We expect Rev. Wm Hutchison of Lockland O. here to preach for us a couple of months commencing Dec 5th. Is it in your power to aid him in procuring for himself cheap R.R. Fare? If so will you communicate with him at once on the subject. I suppose he will leave Cinc Mond. night Nov. 29. - I tried to see you on the subject when I came through Denver a few days ago but could not do so - as I reached there late Thurs. night & left for this place the following morning at 9 o'c. We decided today to invite Mr H here & dispatched him.

Very Truly Yours

P. E. Moorhouse

Bingham Canon
Utah.

Nov. 26a/75

Rocky

Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D.

Dear Bro.

I have reached this place at last. It looks rough but am going to try. We have the use of the M.E. building until they secure another man. Alta is snowed up and don't suppose I can get in there this winter. I am going to start a

Sabbath school the
first opportunity — Can
you send me on any
papers or Lesson Leaves
to get the school started
We need these things
badly — Can you get
some well to do Church
to lend a hand
I am very low in finance
— my journey has about
emptied me and prices
a very high — Can you
go to the Home Board
a little & get them to
send on my salary

due 1st Septbr last. If
they have not sent it to
Frankville — tell them
to send it on to Bingham
Canon. Utah.

Hoping to hear from you
soon

Fraternally Yours

Geo A Bird

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P. O. Box 3863.
No. 23 Centre Street.

New York, 26th Nov. 1875

Rev Sheldon Jackson D.D.
Washington D.C.
Rev. & Dear Brother,

Your telegram from Carlisle Pa. is just here. I have mailed to-day letters to Rev. J. C. Nourse D.D. Prof. & to Hon Joseph Henry L.L.D. Smithsonian Institute introducing you & mentioning the object of your visit. Please ask when you call upon them if they have received these letters—

Dr Montfort was in my office this morning— He asked me to say to you that he would be, D.V. in Cincinnati on Tuesday 7th Dec & at New Hartford N. York on next Tuesday or Wednesday the 3d inst or 1st prox. You can best judge of where, & when, your business requires you to see him.

I found a package for Mrs Dickson from the kindness of Mrs Jackson which I know no doubt you brought yester-day. Accept thanks & assure Mrs J— of the grateful acknowledg-ments of Mrs. D.

Hope you had a day of re-union & general thanksgiving & gladness yesterday. I preached at 11 a.m. & read, wrote, & slept the rest of the day saying nothing of a dinner & "pumpkin pie" at 1 P.m. & another at 495. 5 Av. at 7.30 P.m. I survive sermon & dinners & am about this morning.

Most truly,
& fraternally,
Yours,
Cyrus Dickson

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P. O. Box 3863. No. 23 Centre Street.

New York, Nov. 26 1875

Dear Bro. Morse

It can hardly be necessary to introduce our well known Synodical Missionary Rev. Sheldon Jackson D.D. of Denver Col.

He publishes the Rocky Mt. Presbyterian, a Home Missionary paper, & he wishes Maps Books- plates &c. for his work — Any kindness you can extend to him will be appreciated gratefully at this Office —

Yours truly

H. Kendall —

Ans.

Baltimore
27th November

Rev Sheldon Jackson

Dear Sir

I feel that I must have appeared negligent in not notifying you before this of the decision of the ladies of our Society, to become responsible this year for the sum of $250.– towards the salary of the Rev Mr Arnold. You may remember that $50.– was advanced to him in August– Early in November finding from the letter enclosed by you that he was in immediate need of funds; ~~that~~ treasurer, Mrs Provance sent to him $100. The remainder can be sent at once if needed. A box of clothing was also forwarded and I hope has reached its destination safely.

I received a letter from Mr Arnold a short time ago, in which he speaks of prosperity in his work at Evanston, and that his congregation have come forward nobly to help in the repairs of the church. I was rejoiced, too, to hear that at the last Communion there were nine additions to his Church and hope that he will be most useful in his new field.

of labor.

Mrs Spencer unites with me in kind regards and hoping that you may carry into effect your intention of visiting Baltimore this winter, I remain

yours very truly

CWSpencer

Denver, Nov. 27. 75

Dear Bro. Jackson.

Ill pass over Miss Adams & her Elocution to Bd of Education - Look out for Pueblo & W. Las Animas at H.M. Rooms - Pueblo says $600 wont do & renew application for the $1000 - See their letter sent to the Bd. Have also just forwarded application for W. Las Animas direct from the church, which I hope will be found substantially in due form - Thanks for yr sympathy & prayers for my work here. It goes hard - I enclose letter from Dale at Cañon, wh. will explain itself. Cant you find some-

benevolent body to help them?—
I fail to find helps for them here.
You will see by it that Bro.
Smith is likely to succeed—
Mrs Hawley is trying to stir up
some H.M. zeal thro. the Parley
among the ladies.

Yrs in haste,
C. W. Hawley

Rocky

[illegible]

[illegible]

My dear Sir

[illegible]

Laramie City, Wy Nov. 29. 1875-

Dear Bro- Jackson:

I am much obliged for your kind remembrance of us in our deep embarrassment. I feel resigned to the action of the Board believing, as I do, that they are guided, in the matter, by him who appoints our changes and fixes the bounds of our habitation. For the last three months we have confined ourselves to the bare necessaries of life and for these we have had to run in debt to too great a degree having received, in five months, from the Church, in money, less than 200$. There has been one more effort with Supt. Clarke for a free pass - Should that succeed I think I can get along for the present provided some providential interference relieves me of what I am now behind. I hope it will succeed for, apart from its bearing upon our living, it is enough to make one's heart bleed to think of those towns between us and Rawlins, never visited by a Minister of the gospel, and wholy given up to wickedness and irreligion. I can now have access to them if I can get a pass and be otherwise sustained. over-

We had a fine turn out last evening to our Lecture on the history and Causes of Modern Infidelity and while there appeared interest on the part of all there seemed to be seriousness with some. What a glorious thing a Revival would be! We have received another member, one of our promising young men, on profession of his faith, making six in all so received.

Your Bro' in Christ.

W. E. Hamilton.

Nov 29

Rocky

Give list of authors
of best hymns
in Rocky –

Ans

Boulder, Colo Dec 29th/75

Dear Brother Jackson

Your favor 22nd inst is rec'd.
What I meant by my letter of [illegible]
was that as a business man I was
unwilling to make arrangements
for money & then be obliged to say
that the money was not wanted. I am
[illegible] claim
[illegible] one
[illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] finds that the arrange=
[illegible] such that he can send us
[illegible] has promised, it will be
[illegible] received. When it does come
[illegible] please write me full instructions
[illegible] amount is to be included in one
[illegible] with the amount the Gen. Bd. is
[illegible] give us. — You can appreciate what we
[illegible] this [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] completed by this time
[illegible] for laying the brick of 1 or 2 ft
[illegible] besides, you
[illegible]

subscriptions will be withdrawn if not taken up soon, though I hope that some can yet be realized from.

And now, on another matter, the trustees have succeeded in getting a letter [illegible] [illegible] Boston Board. [illegible] they will send me an application for a commission for [illegible], to date from the 1st of this month, $400.00 per annum [illegible] & $200.00 for preaching at [illegible] Hills a settlement 4 miles up the Boulder Cañon, where there is quite a number of people who would be glad to unite with our church if there was preaching in their neighborhood, but as there is a toll-gate between there & here, toll 50¢ each way, the tax is too heavy for them to come down here to church. I hope you will use your influence with the Board to induce them to grant this. Rev. J. [illegible] [illegible] in his [illegible] that he is [illegible] in debt, which ought not to be. With no [illegible] ministers [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] be lifted up, [illegible] [illegible] complete [illegible] God will [illegible] by this [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] towards building up the church than any other. If our communion next Sunday we shall have some addition [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] aid which we are looking for now to complete our church building we shall feel as if the crisis was passed & from henceforth we will be growing steadily stronger.

Yours fraternally

BENJ. F. JOHNSON,
President.

WILLIAM E. PABOR,
Superintendent.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF

THE PLATTE RIVER COLONY.

Located in the Center of the Agricultural Lands of Weld County, Colorado.

Platteville, Colorado, Nov 30th 1875

Rev Sheldon Jackson
Mission House Centre St, N.Y.

My dear Sir — After you left, I decided not to talk with Mr Sturtevant until I had written & heard from you, and have deferred writing to you until Mr Follett & family should arrive from Ohio, They have come, and a Mr Leonard who called ~~see you~~ & myself, from conversation with Mr F, think we would be willing the Presbyterians should have the field, providing they will build a Church as I understood you to say they would, the first interview I had with you, All put together in our place could do but little towards building a Church at this time, but as you will notice by the circular sent first mail, that we have reason to think our place will fill up next two years Mr Pabor has from 6,000 to 8,000 correspondents — Will the Home Mission pay $2,000 (in case it can have the field) towards a Church that will cost $3,000 or $3,500. provided the balance can be raised, part in money & part in our property to be put in at same price we sell it to colonists in cash, which property you could convert into cash in N. York, I presume, This is now a desirable field & will become more so, you will notice what is said about the County seat. The Greeley people are ready to help put it to our place & Evans people acknowledge that they cant keep it and so we have already said they would vote to remove it to Platteville, I was in Evans yesterday & called on Mr ~~Jackson~~ Stewart who showed the inside of their Church, We [illegible] a letter soon — Please write — yours Truly B. F. Johnson

ans

Platteville Colorado
Nov 30th 1875.

Central City, Colorado.
Nov. 3d 1875.

Rev. Dr. Jackson (~~Preserve~~ S.J.)

I heard from you a few days since from a gentleman who had heard you before the Synod of Albany. I have no idea where you are, am not sure you know yourself.

As I told you at Presbytery, I fear I cannot stay at Central much longer. They give me neither material nor moral support. The salary is in arrears during the two years over $800.00 dollars. I know not why, but they have almost deserted the prayermeeting, and I am unable after months of effort to get them to come unitedly to the work in S.S. and regular attendance.

Last Sab. (a beautiful day) there were 36

me in determining my actions.

If I had my back salary I'd go East, or to California.

[illegible] mee

Yours Truly
R. Gage.

present in the morning and 20 at night,
and some of them strangers. They say
there is no objection to me, and protest a-
gainst my thinking of leaving.

I am totally discouraged. This sum-
mer they paid me only $50.00 a month and
you know it cost nearly twice that to
live. I am in debt, and should I
resign now, I could not get out
of the ~~too~~ town without being more deep-
ly in debt. Mr VanLeuw broke
up my arrangements with Black
Hawk, and yet during the twelve mos.
(Oct. 1, '74 to Oct. 1, '75) he collected only
$765.00 for my salary!

Is there any field vacant in
the Territory? I know of none

that I am willing to go to, such as Fairplay or Rosita. I do not want to leave the Territory. Nor do I want to leave Central. I do not see how we can ask for aid from the Board without enlarging the field to take in Idaho, a ch. which is "do-less" in every way. Bro. Stewart is supplying B.H. every second Sabbath with great acceptance.

I have very little hope that we shall ever be able to raise the enormous church debt, the int. of which is enough to completely make us self-supporting, if the house was ours. Miles Patten threatens every time he is in town to advertise the house for debt. — The ch. property is really no better off today than when those ridiculous coupon notes were given. They paid the *int.* and *no more*; truly an enormous rent. I will *never* again accept a call to a ch. sinking with debt. During the past 8 months I can understand the temptation ministers have of going into secular business. I have been oppressed so I could not make my Sab. preparations except under the weight of it. The Cong. ch. is working hard against us, in some caretaking off new coming Presbyterians. Our ch. is asleep, & has lost its first love. Vandeusen has discovered a rich Tellurium mine 6 miles from "Sunshine", & will probably move to Boulder soon. If you get, and answer this *soon*, you may aid